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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Rejection mailed on January 19, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time in the above-identified application, up to and including June 19, 2007, to make this reply timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.